

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN A. HOOPER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent John A. Hooper who passed away on January 17, 2007, at the Sequoias Portola Valley, California, at the age of 89. He was an extraordinary Californian and a public servant who devoted much of his career to serving his country.

Mr. Hooper was born in San Francisco in 1917, graduating from Thacher School in 1934 and from Stanford University in 1938 where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946. He married Trish Lowrey, the great love of his life, in 1943 and they had four children during their enduring marriage of 63 years.

Mr. Hooper was a distinguished attorney with the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro and practiced tax law for 10 years until he was asked by President Eisenhower to represent the U.S. Department of Defense in NATO. He also served under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson as Minister to the U.S. Mission to NATO. He was based in Paris with his wife and four children until 1967 and was honored with the Pentagon's Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his great work. His son, John C. Hooper, said: "All of Europe was emerging from World War II, and the United States was helping Europe to get back on its feet; that was a real high point of my parents' lives."

Upon their return to the United States, John, Trish and their family moved to the land his grandfather purchased, Mountain Home Ranch in Woodside where they lived until moving to the Sequoias. He devoted himself to working with charitable and community organizations, serving as president of Planned Parenthood of Northern California, as president of the Auxiliary of the University of California Hospital, and as president of the Board of Delegates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California. He was a member of the Woodside Planning Commission for 7 years and served as its chair from 1979 to 1980. He was a member of the Pacific Union Club and president of the Cypress Lawn Cemetery Association.

I had the privilege of knowing John Hooper. He was an elegant, intelligent gentleman who was respected by his entire community. I benefited from his wise counsel and our country is better because of his patriotism and service. John Hooper was a national treasure and that's why Madam Speaker I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Trish Hooper and their children, John C. Hooper of Point Arena, Margo H. Blair of Chicago, Lawrence Hooper of Twisp, WA, and Helen McCloskey of Rumsey, CA.

REMEMBERING STATE SENATOR WILLIAM A. TRUBAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the passing of Virginia State Senator William A. Truban on Saturday, February 3, 2007. Senator Truban represented Virginia's 27th district in the Virginia General Assembly for over 20 years.

A veterinarian and father of six from Shenandoah County, Senator Truban was a leader in his community and dedicated his life to helping those in Winchester and the surrounding area. Inserted for the RECORD is the obituary published in the Winchester Star which details the many accomplishments of Senator Truban.

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FORMER STATE SEN. TRUBAN DIES

(By Suzanne E. Wilder)

WINCHESTER.—William A. Truban, a longtime Virginia state senator who represented Winchester and the surrounding region for more than two decades, died on Saturday.

The resident of Shenandoah County and retired veterinarian was 82.

Truban represented the state's 27th District—which then included Shenandoah, Frederick, Clarke, and Warren counties and the city of Winchester—from 1971 through his 1992 retirement from politics.

His family and friends are mourning the loss of a man who was well known in the Shenandoah Valley as "Senator Truban," "Doc," or—to his loved ones—"Pap," according to a statement from one of his sons, John W. Truban.

Born in 1924 in Garrett County, Md., Truban served during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army Air Force.

After his service, he attended West Virginia Wesleyan College, where he met his future wife, Mildred Hayes. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

John Truban, one of Truban's six children, said his parents selected Woodstock and the Shenandoah Valley for their home after visiting Winchester, where one of William Truban's sisters lived.

Truban became the only licensed veterinarian in Shenandoah County, John Truban said.

He worked all over the Valley and cared for animals from Woodstock to Haymarket to Stephens City. His veterinary practice, Shenandoah Animal Hospital, is still in business though Truban retired several years ago. His son, Thomas, continues to run the clinic.

In 1970, Truban was elected to the Virginia State Senate. He had been urged to run by several prominent Republicans, including then-Gov. A. Linwood Holton Jr.

"I met him when he was under a cow," Holton said in a telephone interview on Sunday. Their first phone conversation, Holton recalled, had been after someone informed him that Truban was caring for a sick cow.

Holton had heard that Truban would make "an excellent candidate for state Senate," he

said. "And he became a strong leader in the Senate."

"You need good people to represent the area. He was well known and well liked," said Warren B. French, a former chairman of the state Republican party who lives in Woodstock. "And he made a great senator." "He'll be missed, but he made a valuable contribution in many ways to his community," said French, who is a former chairman at Shentel and knew Truban from the Woodstock United Methodist Church.

Many of the people who worked with him politically remember Truban as a person with "strong integrity," in Holton's words.

I. Clinton Miller served in the General Assembly for much of the time Truban was a state senator.

Miller represented Shenandoah County and Woodstock in the House of Delegates and was also a Republican. At the time, the GOP was in the minority in Virginia politics.

"We shared a lot of time on the road, and we shared a lot of discussions," Miller said.

Truban "was especially well-respected by both sides of the aisle," Miller said. "He was always concerned with whatever was best for Virginia."

John Truban said his father instilled the value of hard work in his children.

"He loved working," he said. "His hobby was working."

That diligent attitude likely came from growing up during the Great Depression, the son said. "His era, they had no safety net."

"I think what we all probably got from his is a sense of working hard and . . . trying to help others," John Truban said.

But that was not the only trait Truban passed to his kids. John Truban said his dad, who was Italian by blood, loved to cook and passed the same interest to his five sons and one daughter.

"My dad always would cook and help out in the kitchen," he said.

Truban had health problems in recent years, including congestive heart failure. He died as a result of those illnesses, John Truban said.

Truban is survived by his wife, six children, 25 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one brother. Truban's two sisters and a brother are deceased.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Woodstock United Methodist Church. Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Woodstock United Methodist Church, the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter.

IN RECOGNITION OF COACH TONY "MAC" McDONALD'S 600 CAREER VICTORIES

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Tony McDonald for his tremendous achievement of 600 career

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